

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a screen capable of displaying an image area and a blank area;  
an A/D converter to convert an input analog image signal into digital image data;  
a black level setting mechanism to set a first black level of the digital image data by adjusting a lower-limit reference voltage of the A/D converter;  
a blank data generator to generate blank data to form the blank area around the image display area, a second black level of the blank area being independent of the first black level of the digital image area;  
an image data combiner to combine the blank data and the digital image data; and  
an output of the image data combiner being displayed on said screen.
2. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 1, said black level setting mechanism comprising a variable resistor.
3. (Previously presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 1, said black level setting mechanism comprising an illuminance sensor to detect the illuminance around a video camera that outputs said analog image signal.
4. (Original) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said black level setting mechanism outputs a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to illuminance detected by said illuminance sensor.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) ~~A The method of displaying an image according to claim 5, further comprising:~~

converting an input analog image signal into the digital image data;  
adjusting a lower-limit reference voltage of the digital image data to  
thereby adjust ~~at~~ the first black level of the digital image data;

generating ~~the~~ blank data for display in ~~the~~ a blank area around the ~~an~~  
image display area in which ~~the~~ a second black level of the blank data is independent of  
the first black level of the digital image data;

combining the blank data and the digital image data; and

displaying the digital image data in the image display area and the blank  
data in the blank area of a display screen.

~~displaying the combination of the blank data and the digital image data on  
the screen.~~

7. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to  
claim 6, the adjusting the first black level comprising adjusting a variable resistor.

8. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to  
claim 6, the adjusting the first black level comprising detecting an illuminance around a  
video camera that outputs the analog image signal.

9. (Previously presented) The method of displaying an image according to  
claim 8, further comprising outputting a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to  
the detected illuminance.

10. (Previously presented) A method of displaying an image comprising

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, the setting of  
the first black level comprising adjusting a variable resistor.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, the setting of  
the first black level comprising detecting an illuminance around a video camera that  
outputs the analog image signal.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising outputting a lower-limit reference voltage corresponding to the detected illuminance.

14. (Previously presented) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a blanking marker signal corresponding to a single pixel between the blank area and the image display area such that a white line is vertically displayed on the screen which separates the blank area and the image display area.

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 6 [[5]], further comprising separating the blank area and the image display area on the screen by a white line of a single pixel corresponding to a blanking marker signal.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising further comprising separating the blank area and the image display area on the screen by a white line of a single pixel corresponding to a blanking marker signal.